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are aged more than 25 years, whether it is a fact that their previous service in Government offices will not as a matter of course be reckoned for the purposes of exemption from age-limit for future scope for entry into Government service; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for treating those 9 (*a*) (i) candidates differently from other cases of non-9 (*a*) (i) candidates who securing even a temporary Government job before the age of 25 are automatically deemed to have obtained exemption from age restriction for future entry to Government service?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) In the case of all candidates employed under general rule 9 (*a*) (i) the temporary service rendered by them up to 31st December 1948 will be taken into account in computing their age for appointment.

" (*b*) With a view to regularise the services of persons employed in the Civil Supplies Department, Government permitted them to sit for the special competitive examination held by the Madras Public Service Commision in February 1952 and June 1952, subject to certain conditions. Many of the persons could not however satisfy the prescribed conditions and the hardship to a large number of persons in the Civil Supplies Department who were suddenly thrown out of employment continued. The Government therefore directed that temporary persons discharged from the Civil Supplies Department be allowed to deduct the period of their temporary service under the State Government subsequent to their discharge from the Civil Supplies Department in computing their age for appointment."

*Additional staff in the Government Hospital at Badagara.*

* 696 *Q.*—SRI E. K. SANKARA VARMA RAJA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) having increased the number of beds in the Government Headquarters Hospital at Badagara in Kurumbranad taluk, Malabar district, the reasons for the delay in appointing the necessary staff; and

(*b*) when they will be appointed?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The proposal to increase the bed strength and staff of the hospital will be considered in connexion with the regular budget for 1953–54."

*Number of buses run by the Government.*

* 697 *Q.*—SRI N. VENKATARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of buses owned and run by the Government; and

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(b) the profit earned or loss incurred by each bus for a year?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) The Government owned 342 buses on 1st June 1953 and 302 were actually running.

" (b) Profit and loss account is not maintained separately for each bus. However, on the basis of the profit earned by the Government Bus service for the last three years, it has been worked out that each bus is giving on an average a profit of Rs. 2,200 per year."

*Grant of house-sites in Velagaleru village, Vijayavada taluk.*

* 698 Q.—SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any requests for house-sites from the Harijans and Washermen of Velagaleru village of Vijayavada taluk in Krishna district from 1st January 1946 till now;

(b) whether they deposited any amount in the Vijayavada Sub-treasury on 5th March 1946 as first instalment; and

(c) if the answer is in the affirmative, the causes for so much delay in granting house-sites?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) & (b) Yes.

" (c) The draft declaration proposals are awaited from the Board of Revenue. The delay was due to the prolonged enquiries involved at various stages, the existence of crops on the lands at the time of demarcation, and the preparation of the estimates in respect of the superstructures on the lands."

*Uplift of fishermen in Kakinada taluk.*

* 699 Q.—SRI C. V. K. RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) what amount of money was spent by the Fisheries Department in Kakinada taluk in 1951–52; and

(b) what ameliorative measures were taken for the uplift of fishermen in the Kakinada taluk?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) A sum of Rs. 16,327–0–5 was spent by the Fisheries department in Kakinada taluk during the year 1951–52.

" (b) (1) A deep-sea fishing centre with one power vessel at Kakinada was started in the year 1945 to demonstrate the improved methods of fishing to the fishermen.

(2) Two thousand seven hundred and thirty fingerlings were supplied to the public in 1951–52.